

ALPHA

A new Alpha programme continues on
THIS Wednesday 24th January at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre!

Its not too late to join us!!
Enquiries, contact the parish office by email:
stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org
or send a message to 07879 498131

Be Curious—COME AND SEE !!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a **programme of bereavement support** in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays: 27th January, 24th February and 23rd March 2024. Booking essential. To find out more, contact **Marie 07896119669** or **07519289185** or email : belfastbe@yahoo.com

YOGA

Do you want to try Yoga but don't feel comfortable going to a yoga studio? 'YES', then join us in the Parish Hall for a 6 week 'Yoga for Beginners' course with parishioner Andrea Trainor. **Every Tuesday from 30th January to 4th March from 19:00 - 20:00.** The course is either £10 per class or £50 for all 6 classes. No previous yoga experience is required, just a willingness to try something new!

Email me if you would like to join us: goandrea909@gmail.com
Feel free to bring a friend that would benefit from mindfulness, gentle movement and deep relaxation.

NEXT WEEK

Thursday 1st February—the feast day of **St Brigid**, one of Ireland's patron saints. You are invited to come to the Iona Room to make St Brigid's crosses after the Masses next Sunday 28th January. Free coffee, tea and tray bakes. If you can come along to help others to make a St Brigid cross next Sunday, please send a message to the parish office.

Friday 2nd February— **Candlemass Day**. You may **bring candles** to the **9.30am Mass next Friday** to be blessed. After Mass that day, two nine inch (23cms) blessed candles may be bought for £2.

Saturday 3rd February—**feast of St Blaise**, venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat ailments. After the 5.30pm Mass that day you are invited to come forward for a blessing of your throat.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

21st January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations

Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

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Parish Office: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10.00am—2.00pm

READINGS: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 3; Missal: p702

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 6pm

MASS

Saturday : 5.30pm

Sunday : 9.30am & 11.30am

Tuesday : 7.00pm

Wednesday — Friday : 9:30am

CONFESSION

Tuesdays : 6.15pm—6.45pm

Saturdays : 5.00pm—5.20pm

Morning and Evening PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Monday & Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm



*"Follow me and
I will make you into
fishers of men"*
Mark 1:17

SIGN OF PEACE

The Sign of Peace at Mass is suspended until St Patrick's Day, in order to avoid physical contact at this time, and meanwhile we will return to a gesture of peace at Mass.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Brian O'Neill** whose Months Mind occurs at this time.

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time : **Marcelino Dumalagan, Philip Mathew,**

Pat Morris, Dolores Prendiville, Fr Henry Tansey

The Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Patrick Walsh will be offered on this Monday 29th January

DECEASED ALBUM

Due to restrictions during Covid it was not possible to display the parish deceased album in church. If you have a photo of a deceased loved one that you would now like to add to the parish album for display, please contact the parish office by phone 02890 654157, or email : stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org Many thanks to those who have sent photos to the parish office recently.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

In his recent Pastoral Letter *Voices of Hope*, our Apostolic Administrator, **Bishop Donal McKeown** wrote about the **profound challenges our church faces** and has called the faithful of the Diocese to join the conversations proposed by the *Pathways to the Future* team about the future of our church in Down and Connor.

Pathways to the Future has suggested our Parish form a Family of Parishes along with ST ANTHONY'S PARISH and ST MATTHEW'S PARISH. As a first step each Parish in the proposed Family will consider the proposal before reaching out to the other members of the Family.

To be part of Bishop McKeown's conversations on how we share and live the Good News of our faith we invite you to attend the forthcoming presentation and discussion meeting about our suggested Family on **THIS Tuesday 23rd January 2024** in the **Parish Centre**. This will commence at **7.30pm** with tea and coffee. To register simply send your name to the Parish email address stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1072.63 Many thanks to all who contributed.

The collection for Living Youth will be taken up at all Masses *this* weekend. This collection is to support the Living Church with the youth work across the Diocese

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

FIRST COMMUNION class for children (not attending St Joseph's PS) will begin **next Wednesday 31st January at 6.00pm to 7.00pm** in the parish hall.

Enquiries to stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org

YOUTH ATIVITIES

Young people in Year 11 to Year 14 continue to meet, **this Tuesday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm** for fellowship, fun and food. All are welcome. There is opportunity to find new experiences, additional friends, and the benefits of community. Just come straight from school / college. Starts with food at 4.30pm. **Come and See !**

During the mid term break in February there are 2 residentials for our young people: Friday 9th—Monday 12th February at The Braid, Ballymena for 15-18 year olds; Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th February at Delamont Outdoor Education centre.

Enquiries to Francis, our Parish Youth Worker : youth@koinonia.ie

FRANKIE'S 1970S MUSIC NIGHT

Saturday 10th February from 7.30pm to 11.00pm in St Colmcille's Church Hall. All proceeds go towards **Children in Crossfire**. Entrance £10.00 per person. A glass of wine / shloer included in this. Light refreshments will also be provided. Please enter into the spirit of things by wearing 1970s outfits (although not obligatory). The idea is to have a fun evening. No pre-booking required. Just turn up on the night! Further details/information can be obtained from any of the following. An idea of numbers who are interested would be appreciated. Kathy 07801 032101, Carla 07720 841587, Mary 07815 493463 or Claire 07801 820674.

Dear Parishioners of St Colmcille's Ballyhackamore, thank you for your incredible generosity to the Tanzania Africa Project. This year's tremendous total of **£1052** raised from the Christmas Gift Card Appeal goes directly to the parish of St. Bakhita in Moita Bwawani,

Tanzania. SMA priest, Fr. Tomasz hopes to visit St Colmcille's when he returns to his native Poland for a holiday this year, and I'm sure you look forward to welcoming him and learning from him how your donations continue to make such a huge impact on the lives of the people of our twinned parish. Asante Sana!

